

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Keiichi ASAMI et al.	Group Art Unit: 1796
Application No.: 10/556,504	Examiner: Ling Siu CHOI
Filed: June 9, 2006	Confirmation No.: 2337
For: SOLVENT DISPERSION OF COMPOSITE RESIN AND USES THEREOF)))

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Restriction and Election of Species Requirements) dated June 23, 2009, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-15 and 29-33, for further prosecution on the merits.

In addition, Applicants elect, as the species, the thermoplastic elastomer made in the presence of a catalyst recited in claims 8 and 9. Claims 1-9, 13-15, 29, 30, 32 and 33 are readable on the elected species.

In addition, claims 16-28 and 34-42 (Group II) all depend from elected claim 1, directly or indirectly, and thus are eligible for rejoinder, pursuant to MPEP § 821.04.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin nonelected claims 16-28 and 34-42 when elected claims 1-15 and 29-33 are found allowable.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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